

REMARKS

Claims 2-22 are pending in this application. Claims 2-8, 10, 13 and 19-20 are amended. Claims 21-22 are new. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. Allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Bonzo for indicating that claims 4, 8, 9, 17 and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants now present claims including allowable subject matter in independent form. For example, claim 4 containing allowable subject matter is now presented in independent form. In addition, independent claims 13, 19 and 20 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of previously dependent claim 4. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 4, 13, 19 and 20 (as presented) are in condition for allowance because these claims contain allowable subject matter and for additional features recited therein.

Applicants request that this amendment be entered since the Application is placed in condition for allowance and is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application.

Claims 2-3, 5-12 and 21 (new) depend from independent claim 4, claims 14-18 depend from independent claim 13 and claim 22 (new) depends from independent claim 19. Therefore, claims 2-3, 5-12, 14-18 and 21-22 are allowable for the reasons stated above, and for the additional features recited therein.

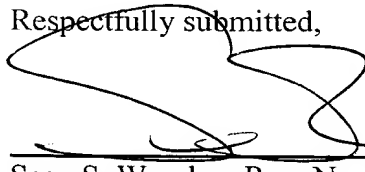
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the rejection against this application has been fully addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection and a notice of allowance for the application are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephonic interview would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,


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